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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24

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E. USUN 4505 F. USUN 5038 G. STATE 232211 G. USUN 3955

I. CAMPBELL/VRAALSEN, WHITE OCT. 28 MEMCON

SUMMARY: THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO RAFAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN ON NOVEMBER 11. AMBASSADORS MOYNIHAN AND WHITE DISCUSSED OUR TENTATIVE STRATEGY FOR DEALING WITH PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 NEXT YEAR. HERNANDEZ-COLON RESPONDED FAVORABLY. THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WAS PROVIDED BY AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERM REP DUNCAN CAMPBELL USUN REQUESTS THE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION TO CONVEY OUR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AND CAMPBELL'S STRATEGY. END SUMMARY.

1. ON NOVEMBER 11 PUERTO RICAN GOVERNOR RAFAEL HERNANDEZ-COLON AND HIS NY APPOINTMENTS SECRETARY DIANE SMOOK CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN, AMBASSADOR WHITE AND USUN MISSION OFFICER. HERNANDEZ-COLON LATER MET WITH ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE CARMEN MAYMI. AMBASSADOR WHITE INFORMED HERNANDEZ-COLON OF THE AUSTRALIAN PROPOSAL TO TABLE A RESOLUTION IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 WHICH, WOULD TERMINATE THE COMMITTEE'S CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO.UNLESS THE
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GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD AT SOME TIME DECIDE OTHERWISE.

AT HIS REQUEST WE ALSO OUTLINED THE PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPHS. HERNANDEZ-COLON RESPONDED FAVORABLE TO THE PROPOSAL.

2. WE EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR COMPLETE SECRECY REGARDING OUR STRATEGY SINCE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT TACTICAL ADVANTAGE. WE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT IT MUST NOT BE APPARENT THAT THE USG IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN THE STRATEGY. THE GOVERNOR AGREED ADDING THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE RESOLUTION PROVIDES A VERY EFFECTIVE CAMOUFLAGE.

3. WE ALSO TOLD THE GOVERNOR THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE OUR STRATEGY RAISES A REAL DANGER OF CUBA TRYING TO GET GA APPROVAL FOR THE COMMITTEE OF 24 TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO. THE CUBANS FAILED IN 1971 TO HAVE THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO INSCRIBED ON THE AGENDA OF THE UNGA AND HAVE NOT MADE ANOTHER ATTEMPT SINCE THEN. WE INFORMED THE GOVERNOR THAT WE ESTIMATED THAT ON A VOTE ON A DAMAGING PUERTO RICAN ISSUE, SUCH AS AN ATTEMPT TO INSCRIBE PUERTO RICO, WE WOULD WIN 37-70(US)-39 (REFERENCE A).

4. FOLLOWING THE ABOVE MEETING, GOVERNOR HERNANDEZ-COLON AND MS. SMOOK MET FURTHER WITH AMBASSADOR WHITE, ALTERNATE REP CARMEN MAYMI AND MISSION OFFICER. WE INFORMED THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL MARI BRAS' REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE LATIN AMERICAN GROUP AND OUR INTENDED RESPONSE. (REFS B AND C). WE ALSO GAVE THE GOVERNOR A COPY OF MARI BRAS' PRESS STATEMENTS OF NOV. 7 (REF D) (WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED BY THE PSP TO ALL DELEGATIONS).

5. HERNANDEZ-COLON INFORMED US THAT BEN STEPHANSKY HAS ASSUMED HIS POST AS DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN WASHINGTON. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO PUERTO RICO BY USUN.

6. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WHICH FOLLOWS WAS PROVIDED TO US BY AUSTRALIAN DEPUTY PERM REP DUNCAN
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CAMPBELL ON NOVEMBER 12. CAMPBELL DESCRIBED THE RESOLUTION IN DETAIL AT A MEETING ON OCTOBER 28TH WITH NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERM REP VRAALSEN, AMBASSADOR WHITE, AND USUN MISSION OFFICER (REPORTED IN A MEMCON POUCH TO WILLIAMSON IO/UNP AND YOHAN ARA/CAR, REF I). AT THAT MEETING CAMPBELL, BACKED UP BY VRAALSEN, SAID THAT ANY HINT OF US INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE THE KISS OF DEATH FOR THE RESOLUTION AND STRESSED THAT US LOBBYING WOULD

BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND IS NOT DESIRED -- EXCEPT FOR A LAST MINUTE EFFORT WITH TUNISIA, AFGHANISTAN YUGOSLAVIA, AND CHINA. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT BE A STATE DEPARTMENT DRAFT BUT RATHER ONE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24.

7. CAMPBELL ALSO STATED THAT HE THINKS THERE IS LITTLE BARGAINING TO BE DONE ON THE RESOLUTION WITHIN THE COMMITTEE. HE INTENDS TO SHOW THE FINAL DRAFT TO THE "FRIENDLIES" AND THEN BUILD SUPPORT AMONG THE MODERATES ONCE SIX OR SEVEN VOTES ARE ASSURED. THE EXERCISE MUST BE PLAYED OUT WITHIN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 IN HIS OPINION.

8. CAMPBELL INFORMED US ON NOVEMBER 12 THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE WILL BE TRANSFERRED SOMETIME IN EARLY 1976 BUT THAT HE IS NOT SURE IN LIGHT OF THE SHAKEUP IN THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. VRAALSEN AGREED AT THE OCTOBER 28 MEETING TO WORK ACTIVELY ON THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO AND TO TAKE OVER FLOOR MANAGEMENT OF THE RESOLUTION IF CAMPBELL LEAVES.

COMMENT: USUN IS IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING WITH CAMPBELL'S STRATEGY AND APPROVES OF CAMPBELL'S RESOLUTION. USUN CONTINUES TO BELIEVE AS WE HAVE STATED PREVIOUSLY (REFS E, F) THAT CAMPBELL'S STRATEGY STANDS A GOOD CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING.

IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION, CAMPBELL MENTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF SHOWING THE DRAFT RES TO SELECTED DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO THE END OF THE 30TH UNGA (REF F). WE ARE NOT CONVINCED OF THE UTILITY OF THIS TACTIC AND WOULD MUCH PREFER TO HAVE THE UNGA SAFELY OVER BEFORE ANY RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO IS
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CIRCULATED. ON NOVEMBER 13, CAMPBELL SAID HE WOULD NOT PRESS TO HAVE THE RESOLUTION CIRCULATED PRIOR TO THE END OF THE G.A.

ACTION REQUESTED: USUN REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO COMMUNICATE TO CAMPBELL AND VRAALSEN OUR APPROVAL OF CAMPBELL'S STRATEGY AND THE ATTACHED DRAFT RESOLUTION.

QUOTE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514(XV) WITH RESPECT TO PUERTO RICO WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF ITS CONSIDERATION OF THE LIST OF TERRITORIES TO WHICH THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IS APPLICABLE;

REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1514(XV) OF 14 DEC-
EMBER 1960;

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1972, 30 AUGUST
1973 AND 20 AUGUST 1975;

CONSIDERING THAT THE EXAMINATION OF CONDITIONS IN A
TERRITORY BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE REQUIRES THE APPROVAL BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE INCLUSION OF THAT TERRITORY IN
THE LIST OF TERRITORIES TO WHICH THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES IS APPLICABLE.

1. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE REPORT OF THE RAPPORTUER
CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/AC.109/L.976.

2. DECIDES TO CONCLUDE ITS EXAMINATION OF THIS QUESTION
SUBJECT TO ANY DIRECTIVES WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MIGHT
GIVE IN THAT CONNECTION. UNQUOTE
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